

"From Christ the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love as each part does it's work." Eph 4:16

## WELCOME to St Richard's Crowborough

### News update 14 May 2023

**Sunday 14 May 2023**

**Morning Service 10.45am** (with Creche, Sunday Club & Lasers!)

Philippians 1:12-18 "I rejoice when Christ is preached"

(with Pete Winstone preaching & Abi Lattimer leading)

**Evening service at All Saints, 6.30pm**

Come along to All Saints Church or tune in to their Live Stream for the evening service:

Guest Service Glen Scrivener [allsaintscrowborough.org/live](http://allsaintscrowborough.org/live)

### CHURCH NEWS...

- **PRAYER: Weekly lunchtime prayers at St Richard's – Wednesday 17 May 12.00 – 13.00pm**  
A time of fellowship around God's word and prayer. Join with us as we think through what we heard on Sunday in the service and to pray for our church, the community of southern Crowborough, the churches in Crowborough, the Church of England and the world.
- **PRAY: For your young people who have exams coming up.**  
Attached to your email or paper copy of our newsletter is the timetable of exams that two of our church family will be sitting in the coming weeks. May we encourage them by praying for them in their revision, the exams themselves and the decisions they make afterwards.
- **Big Church Festival** (previously Big Church Day Out) Sat 27 - Sun 28 May 2023, a great family day/weekend, a Christian Festival of Worship and Fun in West Sussex. Use this link to access our group booking page offering discounts <https://bigchurch.group/2023/all-saints-crowborough> (closes 22 May.)
- **FEST 2023 – Date for your diary 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> June 2023 BOOKING NOW OPEN**  
Over the weekend of 23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> June the church families of St Richards and All Saints are invited to relocate to a campsite near Halland for Fest 2023. Enjoy a weekend away under canvas or in a caravan to worship, share fellowship, play games and get to know people. You don't have to camp though, "day visitors" are also welcome, but booking is essential! Oh, and meals are included in the price. Bookings are now open, with early bird rates until 11th June!  
<https://allsaintscrowborough.churchsuite.com/events/cvwwi2uc>



- **Friendship hour – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May** - a companionship group for senior men and women, which welcomes and offers support to anyone who may spend a lot of time on their own. Our desire is for those in the group to draw close to God and feel cared for in a special way. Friendship Hour is usually held on the second Monday of each month. It starts at 2.30pm. We have a great team of helpers, and where possible also try to provide transport for anyone who may need it. Please contact Dorothy on 01892 655480 d.hards80@btinternet.com (or Frances on 01892 661959) for more details.
- **Barnabas Dementia Support Group** will be holding a **fundraising coffee morning on Wed 17<sup>th</sup> May** for dementia charities. Donations of cakes greatly appreciated. Please contact Irena Morrison 652598.
- **Crowborough Women's breakfast** - Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May at 8.30am at Crowborough Community Centre. Fay Summers will give her testimony and what persuaded her to write a book about her experiences. Tickets £10 from Jane Speedie (663388).

## Free NHS Health Checks - offered to residents in Wealden.

The NHS Health Check is a free check-up designed to spot the early signs of strokes, kidney disease, heart disease, type 2 diabetes or dementia. Residents aged 40-74, who haven't had a stroke or don't suffer heart disease or kidney disease, are eligible for an NHS Health Check every five years. Residents who have been diagnosed with high blood pressure, high cholesterol or diabetes will not be eligible.

The health check will include taking height and weight measurements and some blood samples to analyse sugar levels and cholesterol. Residents will also be able to discuss any medical questions, talk about family medical history and to receive support, if needed once their results come back.

**Clinics will be held at St Richard's** on various dates: If you would like to book an appointment please contact Jo Stonebrook on 07712 611209.

## Opportunities to learn and grow in your faith!

### Southern Women's Convention 2023

This year's SGP Southern Women's Convention is on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at All Saints Crowborough, with guest speaker Charlotte Cornes. A day of teaching, fellowship, worship and seminars, through which we will be taken through the unique Old Testament book of Esther as we reflect upon "For such a time as this".

Bookings open on **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February** via this link:

<https://allsaintscrowborough.churchsuite.com/events/spp5yekg>

or contact All Saints office on 01892 652081



- **SGP Partnership Training Day** - Tuesday 6 June 2023 - 10am to 4.15pm at Cuckfield Baptist Church - £10 per person.

**This Training Day is open to anyone so let us encourage you to attend if you're able!**



Dr Matt Searles (author, speaker and Biblical Studies Lead for Crosslands Training) will be leading a day on... Isaiah and the Gospels. So join us to:

- Become more familiar with Isaiah as a book, especially the promises of hope in Isaiah 40-66
- Be equipped to see the background to the gospels in Isaiah, so that you can read the gospels more richly
- Gain a deeper view of Christ and his salvation
- Grow in skills in Biblical theology as we see how New Testament authors pick up on themes from the Old Testament and expect their readers to do the same.

*If you have any extra questions contact Trish at the church office: 01892 611318 or to book use the following link: <https://events.sussexgospelpartnership.org.uk/partnershiptrainingday>*

- **Foodbank**

If you would like to bring items along the current Foodbank wish list is below, and for their full list of acceptable items check out:

<https://crowborough.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>



### This week's Top 10 items

Gluten free Products	Long-life semi skimmed/whole milk
Vegan Products (esp tinned beans)	500g packets rice
Washing up liquid	Washing up liquid
Breakfast cereals	Toilet rolls
Pasta sauces	Baby top to toe wash

### Next Sunday 21 May 2023

**Lord's Supper service - 10.45am** (with Creche, Sunday club & Lasers!)

**John 14: 1-14 The comfort of Jesus' Spirit**

(Mark Rapley preaching, Trish Scobell leading, Nick Ashton presiding)

## Going for Growth

Please Pray:

- Give thanks that the Diocese have responded to the letter Steve sent that informed them of our intentions; giving thanks that it is thoroughly helpful, even if somewhat complex.
- Pray for the committee as they determine the next steps.
- Pray for the next stage which includes answering a significant number of questions from the Diocese.
- Pray for the formation of the G4G Project's 'teams' and the creation of a clear brief for each sub-committee.
- Pray that the mission and ministry of St Richards will not be eclipsed and unity maintained.
- Continue to pray for the neighbourhood and community and how we might proactively serve.
- Pray for Steve Rees, Mark and all those in the ministry team and their families who work to serve both All Saints and St. Richard's so faithfully.
- Finally remember to pray for one another.